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- 1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO RPT NO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ATTENDED FUNERAL IN KANO.
- 2. NO RPT NO WCT MATCHES WERE PLAYED TODAY DUE TO COMBINATION ODERAIN AND DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL MOURNING PERIOD. LOCAL TENNIS OFFICIALS ARE HOPING TO OBTAIN FMG PERMISSION FOR TOURNAMENT TO RESUME 8 A.M. POST TIME TOMORROW SUNDAY IN SPITE OF GENERAL CANCELLATION ALL LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS INCLUDING SOCCER DEMONSTRATION BY PELE.

THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT SOME KIND OF EXEMPTION MIGHT BE OBTAIN FROM DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW REQUIREMENTS. AS OF 11 P.M. LOCAL TIME SATURDAY HOWEVER NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON EITHER POINT FROM FMG OR LAGOS TENNIS AUTHORITIES.

3. EVEN IF PLAY CAN BE RESUMED, MOST PLAYERS HAVE EXPRESSED HEAVY RELUCTANCE PLAY MATCHES IN CURRENT UNSETTLED ENVIRONMENT. HOWEVER JOHN MCDONALD, WCT INTERNATIONAL MANAGER IS PUSHING PLAYERS TO "FULFIL COMMITTMENTS". ASHE PERSONALLY HOPES THAT AT THE LEAST SEMIFINAL AND FINAL DOUBLES MATCHES MIGHT BE COMPLETED TOMORROW POSSIBLY AT AMBASSADORS RESIDENCE COURT. QUARTER FINAL SINGLES ALSO HAVE YET TO BE PLAYED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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